

Meet your 2023 NCCW candidates for President Elect



AMY KENNEDY Diocese of Salt Lake City

"I am inspired daily by the lasting impact of the National Council of Catholic Women's faithful witness and examples of servant leadership. We are truly women of faith and women of action. Through involvement at all levels of Council, I have been immeasurably blessed and have gained valuable experience and insight. In gratitude, I wish to continue serving God through the NCCW. If elected, I will focus on being a leader for all Catholic women as we embody and live the NCCW's mission of spirituality, leadership, and service to each other and the Church. I humbly ask for your vote."

NCCW:

Secretary: 2021 to present.

Leadership Training and Development Team: 2016 to present.

Bylaws Committee, Chair: 2017 to 2019.

Leadership Commission, Chair: 2012 to 2014.

Individual/Supporting Member: 2005 to present.

Associates of NCCW, Inc.:

President: 2019 to 2021.

Secretary: 2017 to 2019.

Treasurer: 2015 to 2017.

Salt Lake City DCCW:

Advisory Board: 2014 to present.

MDR Committee: 2014 to present.

(Membership Development & Resource)

President: 2012 to 2014.

Vice Pres./President- Elect: 2010 to 2012.

Second Vice President: 2008 to 2010.

Treasurer: 2006 to 2008.

Salt Lake Deanery CCW:

Advisory Board: 2012 to present.

Leadership Commission, Chair: 2012 to 2020.

President: 2007 to 2010.

Vice Pres./President-Elect: 2006 to 2007.

Parliamentarian: 2004 to 2006.

Cathedral Women's Society (Parish Affiliate):

Meeting Facilitator: 2016 to present.

Deanery Representative: 2014 to present.

Cathedral Women's Society continued

President: 2003 to 2006.

Treasurer: 2002 to present.

Secretary: 2000 to 2002

NCCW Conventions and Programs:

NCCW Conventions and General Assemblies:

Attendee: 2007 to 2013, 2015 to 2022.

Presenter: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022

Leadership Training and Development (LTD) Team Workshops:

Programs Attended: 2010, 2011, and 2014.

Program Presenter: 2016 to present

San Francisco Province Meetings:

Presenter: 2012, 2017, and 2018.

Other Organization Experience

Diocesan Review Board for the Protection of Children and Young People: Member: 2016 to present.

Legal Aid Society of Salt Lake Board of Trustees: Member: 2013 to present. President: 2016 to 2018.

Junior League of Salt Lake City: Finance Vice President: 2019 to 2020. Treasurer: 2018-2019.

Other Experience:

Parish Involvement: Lector Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

Highest level of education: Juris Doctor (Law).

Employment: Family Lawyer.

Honors/Awards:

Utah State Bar's Young Lawyer of the Year: 2003.

Cathedral Women's Society's Woman of the Year: 2005.

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KATHLEEN PENNO ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

“Hebrews 10: 24-25 tells us to consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds and to encourage each other to serve the Lord. I feel this scripture applies to the NCCW in that team leadership makes for a thriving and fruitful council, which is best achieved when all members work together to contribute their unique, God given skills and talents. As your president-elect, it is my intent to inspire and be inspired by my council sisters as I humbly and wholly commit to our council’s ministry, service, and spiritual accompaniment.”

*** NCCW Spirituality Commission Chair 2019 - 2022.**

With a team of talented ladies, in honor of our 100th Anniversary, we presented Nationals, a beautifully composed General Prayer Bookmark along with an Hour of Prayer Service. We produced a litany of Prayers for Priest. I wrote the 2020 resolution for the Appreciation of Spiritual Advisors. The team presented the Healing Racism prayer card, and I coauthored the Healing Racism Resolution.

*** NCCW Province Director (Detroit) 2017-2019.**

Traveled to all dioceses in the state. Hosted a weekend-long Province LTD, featuring “RENEW AND REFRESH” a fashion gathering to celebrate 100 years of NCCW.

*** NCCW Spirituality Commission 2017-2019.**

The team created three mini-retreats for women; among them were peace and healing resources for individuals who have experienced bullying and harassment, loss of a child and suicide. I co-authored the 2019 Suicide Awareness Resolution.

*** NCCW Education Committee 2017-2019.**

Based on Evangelii Gaudium, I co-authored a summary of chapter 3 from “The Joy of the Gospel.” I wrote an additional summary on THE ISSUE OF WATER AND LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY from the Laudato Si’ in 30 Days, On Care for Our Common Home.

*** Archdiocese of Detroit 2018- Present.**

Board of Directors - Chair. In 2018 played an instrumental part in the Incorporation of the CCW/AD.

*** Archdiocese of Detroit 2016-2018, President of the CCW/AD.**

*** Archdiocese of Detroit 2012-2016, Spirituality Commission Chair.**

*** Vice President and CCW Representative for my parish. (On going)**

*** Presently working with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Christian Service, FAST (Faith in Action, Strong Together), Parish Rep for Dynamic Catholic.**

EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science Marketing Degree in the 70s compelled me to open a dance wear and supply store in 1980. After 40 years I have retired and turned the business over to a faithful 25 year employee. CEO Emerita.

Meet your 2023 NCCW candidates for Secretary



SUSAN HARTING DIOCESE OF ORLANDO

“Preparing to seek the office of NCCW Secretary is a great honor. NCCW has been a part of my life for many years. The many programs that NCCW supports that helps those in need, the homeless and trafficked are areas of great concern to me. As the many needs of women around the world continue to grow, we must look at ways to educate, support and mentor all Catholic Women by gathering all cultures and diverse as one. This is the Year of the Eucharist. Let’s build the NCCW to be Women of the Eucharist in 2023. “

NCCW:

LTD Team 2019-Present; Coordinator 2021-Present

NCCW Leadership Commission 2020-Present

NCCW International Concerns Commission 2007-2009

Province: Province of Miami – Florida Council of Catholic Women (FCCW)

Leadership Commission Chair 2020-Present

Secretary 2017-2019; Human Trafficking Chair 2015-2017

Publicity, Women Doctors of the Church, Hugs for the Homeless

Diocesan: Orlando Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW)

Human Trafficking Chair

Leadership Symposium Co-Chair 2020-present,

Nominating Chair 2020-present, Auditor 2020-2022,

President, Executive Officer,

Corresponding Secretary,

Family Commission, Church Commission

Deanery: Central Deanery

Auditor 2020-2022, President, Treasurer

Affiliation: All Souls CCW member since 1984

Auditor 2020-2022, Lifetime Member, President, Secretary

Treasurer, Church, Family, Service Commissions

Organizations:

Future Farmers of America (FFA) Alumni Secretary Pine Ridge High School Boosters Secretary

All Souls Catholic Church Parish Council, Scheduling of Ministers

General Assemblies: Salt Lake City 2008

Leadership (LTD) Pensacola Tallahassee 2019

NCCW Conventions:

Atlanta 1989, Chicago, Jacksonville, Miami, Orlando, Washington DC, Oklahoma City, Dallas, Nashville, Myrtle Beach, San Francisco

Keynote/Speaker: St. Augustine 2022, St. Petersburg 2022

and 2019, Palm Beach Diocese: 2022, St. Ann’s CCW- 2022, Human Trafficking Palm Beach Diocese: 2022, St. Ann’s CCW- 2022, Human Trafficking, Leesburg and Central Deanery Leesburg and Central Deanery, Deltona 2022, and Sanford 2021 exhibitor

Education:

Florida State Certified Public Manager and Certified Public Tax Collector 1992

Seminole State College—Accounting classes

Lisa Maile, Winter Park Florida Professional Modeling, and Image Certificate

High School

Honors and Awards

FCCW – Our Lady of Good Council Award 2022

ODCCW – Esteemed Life Member

Miss Florida Agriculture , Miss Volusia County Fair

Miss Volusia County Agriculture, Miss Volusia County Cattlemen’s Sweetheart

Employment Retired

LeFils & Company – CPA Firm Administrative Assistant 2012- December 2022.

Seminole County Tax Collector Manager 1986-2012

Orange County Tax Collector – Dealer Section Supervisor 1980-1986

Holiday Inn – Front Desk and Accounting

Meet your 2023 NCCW Candidates for Secretary



COREEN MARKLEIN DIOCESE OF MADISON

"I'm Coreen Marklein and I would like to be your next NCCW Secretary. I have held several positions within levels of Council and currently serve as our MDCCW Secretary. I am always taking notes whether at meetings, listening to speakers, or planning my day. I still use shorthand when taking notes. I have attended ten of the last eleven NCCW conventions and believe NCCW will benefit from my organizational skills and overall knowledge of NCCW. I bring my faith in God and love of Council and family to this position."

NCCW:

Attended first Convention in 2009 in Jacksonville, FL and only missed the 2017 Dallas convention. Bylaws committee 2019-2021. Milwaukee Province Board – Secretary while MDCCW President-Elect and President.

DIOCESE (MDCCW)

MDCCW Secretary June 2022 to present. President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President at Large 2010-2016. Legislative chair 2014-2018; service chair 2018-2022 and Box of Joy coordinator since 2020; Chair of Ordination reception for newly ordained priests since 2018. Assisted West Dane Vicariate with convention planning for June 2021 Virtual Convention via U-Tube

SAUK VICARIATE (previously Deanery):

Member, Vicariate Board, September 2022 to present. Previously President Elect, President and Immediate Past President and was fill-in president for vacancies 2008-2018. MDCCW Convention Chair when hosted by Sauk Vicariate in 2007, 2014, and 2019.

PARISH – St. Joseph's CCW

President (September 2022 to present). Served as president-elect, president and immediate past president and most recently secretary 2018-2022. Gingerbread Bazaar chair since 2008 and trained replacement in 2022.

Member of parish choir, St. Joseph's Bingo crew member, Fish Fry volunteer, and lector.

Education and Other Experience

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Lakeland College, Lakeland, Wisconsin. Associate Degree, Madison Area Technical College (Madison College). Attended Leadership classes through employment and three NCCW LTD trainings. Gave presentations using LTD/leadership tools for MDCCW Conventions and vicariate meetings.

Payroll/Benefit Specialist, UW-Madison SMPH, October 2007 to present. Conduct new hire benefit orientations including dual employed physicians; Employed 25 years with Spectrum Brands (formerly Rayovac Corporation) in HR/Payroll, including HR Manager and Payroll & Benefits Coordinator.

.Interesting Fact:

You may have thought you were seeing double at the last two NCCW conventions as Coreen's twin sister Kathleen attended the conventions with her!

Meet your 2023 NCCW Candidates for Nominating Committee



IRENE GRAMZA DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

"I wish to serve on the Nominating Committee in order to help select women of faith who are willing to serve as officers on the NCCW Board. I feel as a woman of faith I can make wise decisions in selecting these women who will lead NCCW into the future. I have met many outstanding women of diverse backgrounds who have given me great examples to follow, and I will strive to do likewise in choosing the women to serve NCCW. If elected, I will strive to do my best for the future of NCCW."



VENESSA LOPATKA DIOCESE OF JOLIET

"My love of Council and the opportunity to participate in finding leaders for our organization has drawn me to candidacy for the NCCW Nominating Committee. My professional career, which was based in accounting and management and my experience as a diocesan president, secretary and treasurer have provided me with the communication and problem-solving skills to contribute to the Committee's work this next term. It would be an honor to serve on the Nominating Committee. With God's grace, I will assist in finding qualified women to fill our leadership positions and continue the work of NCCW."



MARY JANE MALICH DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

"Being involved with NCCW from the parish level up to Province Director, I feel this is another way that I can grow as a Catholic woman to be of service. Through the conventions and general assemblies, I have learned and grown in my faith and have come in contact with so many women that I can feel connected with through NCCW. I hope with being on the Nominating Committee, I can help pick other leaders from these women to help lead our NCCW into the future and I would give my best."



Doreen Recco Diocese of Palm Beach

"I am honored to be considered for NCCW's Nominating Committee. Council is today's Martha's and Mary's of our Church, fulfilling the needs of our society in ways that only Council can do. Being part of this process affords me the opportunity to contribute to the future leadership of NCCW. Choosing the "right woman for the job" will help to guarantee the success of all that NCCW hopes to accomplish. As part of the Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, I have served on nominating committees on many levels and will approach this opportunity with the same dedication."

2023 NCCW candidates for Nominating Committee continued



Janet Regan Archdiocese of Detroit

"I am running for the Nominating Committee because I believe in the mission of NCCW. I am a Legacy Member because I want to support the longevity of NCCW. I also want to ensure the future of NCCW by recruiting qualified women to lead us. I have been Province Director of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Province Secretary, Diocesan President, and Parish President. Currently, I am Diocesan Vice-President. I have met many women and made many friends across the country through my involvement. I believe my experience at all levels of council will help me fulfill this role."



Mary Ann Schmidt Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

"I would be honored to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee. For the past 15 years being involved in Council, I have witnessed the wonderful work of so many talented women who have given of their time and talents to make NCCW what it is today. As a past Province Director as well as past ACCW President, I have had the pleasure to work with some amazing women from across the country. This is a great organization, and it needs to continue to have great leadership moving forward. Again, I would be honored to serve on this committee."



Florine Swanson Archdiocese of Dubuque

"Serving on the National Board of NCCW as a Province Director has provided the opportunity to work with outstanding women throughout the United States. I've also been President of my Archdiocese and my local CCW where I've been member for over 50 years as well as numerous other local, state, national, and international organizations with an emphasis on issues for women and girls. In every organization I have served on their nominating committee helping to identify new leadership as well as a blend of the wisdom of past leadership. I hope to do that for NCCW."